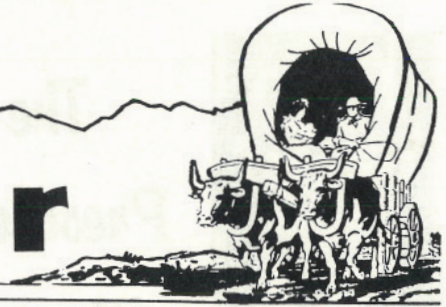


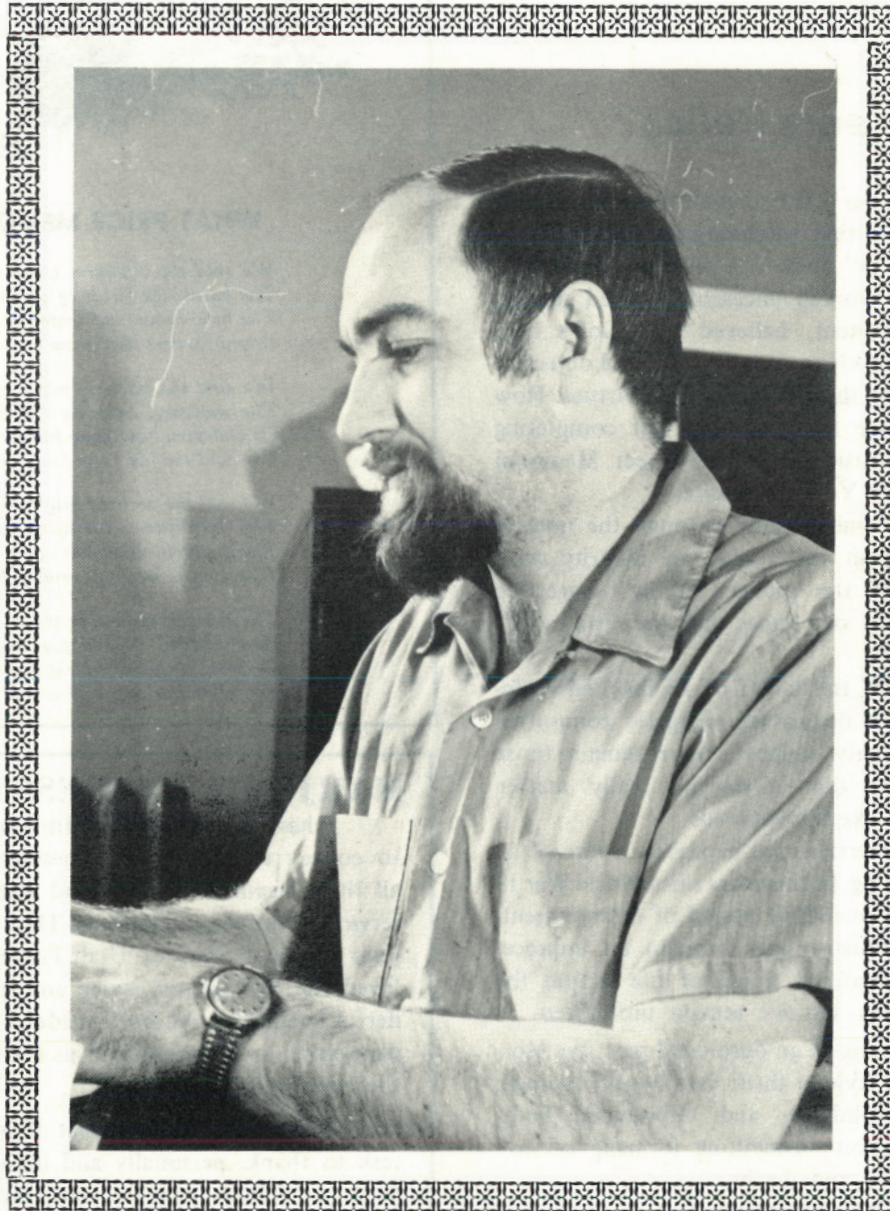
# THE Pioneer



VOLUME 21

MAY-JUNE 1974

NUMBER 3



**SCULPTOR EDWARD J. FRAUGHTON**  
**Creator of Distinguished Pioneer Monuments**



## The President's Message

By John A. Shaw

### Are Pioneers Relics?

If we see strength in our S.U.P. organization, much of it stems from the fact that we share a pioneer ancestry. The word "pioneers" gives us a product to sell with enthusiasm. They worked unceasingly, lived simply, ignored discouragement, believed that God's help is ever near and drew unto Him. It is our declared objective to preserve and promote these old-fashioned virtues. How do we do this? For one thing, we are just completing the financing and construction of a Pioneer Memorial Monument at the Brigham Young gravesite.

And this for only one reason: Through the miracle of sculpture to create in the viewer an identity with the spirit and faith of the pioneer family, suggesting that here is security for our times and the "way out" of our dilemma.

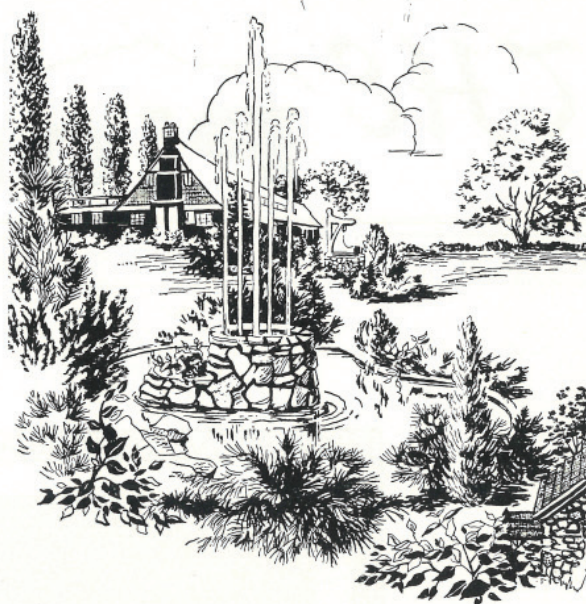
And yet in spite of the talent of an inspired sculptor and the efforts of a dedicated, energetic committee backed up by the majority support, there remain those among us who indicate that it doesn't really matter whether or not a project like this succeeds.

Matter it does! Americans are becoming aware of an impending day of reckoning. In the years since World War II we have experienced an incredible period of development. Science, technology, industry have brought an unprecedented harvest of the material things of life within the reach of most Americans—but we remain unfulfilled.

Far from being a relic of an outmoded past, the Mormon pioneer with his life style of thrift, hard work, courage, simple living, family solidarity and unbounded faith, promises a new generation "something to hang on to" in an age of uncertainty and doubt.

Any Son of Utah Pioneers who fails to promote and sell these values with fiery zeal does not realize why we are an organization. This is why five years ago we dedicated a Mormon Battalion Monument in San Diego, and why on Brigham Young's birthday anniversary we will dedicate a Pioneer Memorial Monument in Salt Lake City.

"That men may remember and know."



### WHAT PRICE MEMORIES?

*We sold the old farm home today,  
The barns, the fields of greening hay,  
The little brook and waterfall,  
Bright flowers that grow by garden wall.*

*We sold the kitchen, white and neat,  
The stairway, worn by dancing feet  
Of children, now gone far away—  
We sold the old farm home today.*

*We sold the orchard bright with bloom,  
The hearthfire in the living room,  
The big front door that opened wide  
To welcome here my smiling bride.*

*The tall elm trees that through the years  
Have nodded o'er our joys and tears.  
Of what of gold or wealth can pay  
For memories, we sold today!*

### MARJORIE EXPRESSES THANKS

I have requested the editor of THE PIONEER to convey to all who sent messages of consolation, all those beautiful flowers and attended the funeral services of my beloved husband Thomas Allan Lambert, your national Sons of Utah Pioneers president. He loved the SUP so very much and treasured the wonderful friendships we both made in his term as president-elect, as president and as a long-time officer in the East Mill Creek Chapter.

It has become somewhat of an unsurmountable task to thank, personally and individually, the hundreds of friends and associates both at home and from many far-away places, for their messages of condolence, even if I had the strength to do so, therefore I take this means of expressing by gratitude and my love to you all.

Most sincerely yours,  
Marjorie Lambert.

# THE Pioneer



## Credo

*We believe in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers  
BECAUSE:*

The Sons of the Utah Pioneers believe that they should do all in their power to make the place in which they live a real home.

Sons of the Utah Pioneers believe that their community should be a place fit for the education of their children.

Sons of Utah Pioneers believe that their community has a right to their civic loyalty.

Sons of Utah Pioneers believe that their community wants their citizenship, not their partnership; wants their friendship not their offishness; wants their cooperation not their dissension; wants their sympathy not their criticism; wants their intelligent interest not their indifference.

Sons of Utah Pioneers believe that they should believe in their community and should work for it, because their community supplies them with law and order, trade, friends, education, morals, recreation and the rights of a free-born American! (*Reprinted by request*)

## OUR ORGANIST

*I love to watch her fingers  
As they fly across the keys,  
Portraying music pictures  
With such apparent ease.*

*She plays with deep expression  
Each lovely melody  
Or difficult transcription  
Whichever it may be.*

*She takes you on a journey  
Of beauty that is rare  
And filled with inspiration  
That's something like a prayer.*

*Portraying music pictures  
With such apparent ease —  
I love to watch her fingers  
As they skim across the keys!*

— LES GO SCRAPBOOK

\*\*\*

OUR WONDERFUL WIVES: We admire them for their beauty, respect them for their intelligence, adore them for their virtue and love them because we can't help it!

\*\*\*

HERE'S TO THE PRESS, the pulpit and the petticoat, the three ruling powers of the day. The first spreads knowledge, the second spreads morals and the third spreads amazingly.

## '...That He Might Have Joy'

A student researcher has made a study of the different ways people say goodbye in their respective languages. "When a Roman spoke his farewells he said, "Be well; be strong." A Greek would say, "Keep happy." A Frenchman, a German and an Italian say, "Until I see you again." The Englishman says "Cheerio" and the American, "So long!"

Actually, the word "goodby" means, "God be with you." The Apostle Paul used the word "rejoice" or "be happy in the Lord." This made it more than a mere wish; it became an exhortation. Some modern translations phrase it: "Be cheerful in the Lord."

Cheerfulness is an inherent ingredient in communications between individuals and groups. It is that quality that enables one to make others happy. Its premise consists half in personal goodness and half in the goodness of others. It is the antithesis of the morbid, the morose, the fretful and the somber.

Cheerfulness is not to be confused with mirth which is short and fickle, while cheerfulness is more permanent. Mirth pops on like a light. Cheerfulness comes on with the constancy of daylight. The mirth provoker laughs; the cheerful one smiles. Mirth requires the support of others to work on -- crowd excitement, jokes, stories, comical antics, etc. -- but cheerfulness can go it alone.

\*\*\*

TYPOGRAPHICAL TID-BIT: "Miss Marsden's marriage last Friday makes her the first bride of the month from our town." — Item from a country weekly)

\*\*\*

QUOTE AND UNQUOTE: "If nations could overcome mutual fear and distrust, whose somber shadow is now thrown over the world, and could meet with confidence and trust to settle their differences, they could most likely establish a lasting peace." — Fridtjof Nanson, Norwegian diplomat.

\*\*\*

TOAST TO THE POLICEMAN'S WIDOW: May the memory of her slain husband's devotion prove her passport to every habitation and win her a welcome in every heart.

\*\*\*

Death's but a path that must be trod  
If man would ever pass to God. — Parnell



## UTAH'S PREMIER MUSEUM GROWS MORE POPULAR EACH YEAR Another Gala Season Ahead As Pioneer Village Opens

*By George C. Lloyd  
Executive Secretary the SUP*

During the spring months the question was asked many times, "Will Pioneer Village be open during the 1974 season?" Also, letters were received from a number of school teachers requesting reservations during April and May: The village was officially opened on April 1 and the welcome sign is now evident on buildings and grounds.

For more than a year, the public has been aware that the Pioneer Trails State Parks Committee of the State of Utah is desirous of making the Pioneer Village collection a part of the project to be developed on a 60-acre tract north of the "This is the Place Monument" at the mouth

of Emigration Canyon. While these negotiations are still under way, we do not expect the transfer to take place during the present summer season.

Because hundreds of visitors come in school buses, an exact count on attendance at the village each year is not exactly known but the estimated attendance for the 1973 season was around 11,000. It was figured at 10,500 in 1972. This is typical patronage, especially among the junior high and elementary school students, increases each season. Attendants are expecting to guide around 12,000 through the museum this new season.

Let us take a stroll through the grounds to see what impresses all these visitors to Pioneer Village. First we walk through the Museum Building where many interesting relics are

on display. Rounding the corner of this building, we see the sign: Alma Warr, Kamas Dry Goods, Shirts, Groceries, Shoes, Notions. This sign directed shoppers of more than half-century ago to one of the pioneer mercantile establishments supplying the needs of residents of the valley about 50 miles east of Salt Lake City. What would Alma think of our present super, supermarkets?

### *Early Mountain Men*

On a wall just beyond are outlined the figures of early mountain men of the Rocky Mountain region; Father Escalante, 1826; Jim Bridger, 1801-1861; General Fremont, Miles Goodyear, Jedediah Smith, Peter Skene Ogden, in the 1840's. The tragic experience of the Donner Party in 1846 is called to the memory of

*(see VILLAGE, next page)*



*SUP NATIONAL BOARD meets for first time under new Pres. John A. Shaw: Seated: Harold H. Jenson, Lesley Goates, Eugene P. Watkins, Verl G. Dixon, George C. Lloyd, Marvin E. Smith, Veron P. Curtis, Earl A Hansen. Standing:*

*Joy F. Dunyon, Duane V. Cardall, J. Rulon Morgan, Victor J. Bird, Harold B. Felt, K. Grant Hale, Eldredge Grant, Pres. Shaw, Elder Eldred G. Smith, Dr. Orson D. Wright, Adolph Johnson and E. Morton Hill.*

### **Amelia's Palace Replica For Trolley Square**

Reconstruction of the elaborate, four-story mansion, known in pioneer days as "The Amelia Palace", is planned for Trolley Square in downtown Salt Lake City, a new business block, once the garage and offices of the city street car lines.

The mansion was built by Brigham Young, the president's 25th wife, Amelia Folsom Young. It was also a reception center for distinguished visitors to Salt Lake City when they were guests of President Young. It was located on the southwest corner of South Temple & State Streets. It was demolished in 1926 to make room for the Federal Reserve Bank.

The new structure will house a huge book store and library. The square has become the repository of numerous pieces of Utah's Victorian architecture, famous staircases, stained glass windows, ornate cupolas, doorways and other prized items.

The replica of the Amelia Palace, is now under construction in the fourth bay at Trolley Square. When completed about June 1 it will be called "The Trolley Square Book Store" or "Amelia's Books" with James Slusher as lessee.

## **Pioneer Village Opens**

*(continued from preceding page)*

students of western history. The Pony Express Building prepares the visitor for a reading of the plaques on a marker commemorating this historical event which took place in 1860-1861. During these years the mail was carried from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, Calif. One hundred twenty riders covered 65,000 miles, during which time only one rider was killed by Indians, one schedule was not completed and only one batch of mail lost.

The area comes to life as we view the buffalo, a pair of huge oxen, and a number of horses quietly feeding in a lot beyond the buildings. The statue of the "Fighting Stallions" almost seems to take on life in these surroundings.

### *An Illinois Building*

Across the way is a building bearing the sign: Crabtree Drug Store, Cairo, Illinois. This building underwent repairs a few months ago. To overcome dry-rot that had destroyed floor joists, a new floor was laid, complete with understudding.

A most substantial building is the Coalville Meeting House which was dedicated by President Brigham Young in 1868. Having served its purpose in Coalville, it was dismantled stone by

stone, transported to the village and rebuilt on its present site.

A huge granite marker, placed on the site by the Temple Quarry Chapter, commemorates the building of the Salt Lake Temple. The granite for this sacred edifice was quarried from the mountain at the entrance of Little Cottonwood Canyon and transported some twenty miles to Temple Square.

### *From S. L. Theater*

Passing the old school, the Pioneer Village Tool Shop and other displays, we come to the very interesting museum housing a display of Salt Lake Theater furniture and relics. Under the direction of the Sugarhouse Chapter of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, this building was dedicated by President George Albert Smith on October 28, 1968.

The first company of 148 Mormon pioneers is honored by a bronze plaque erected by Sons of Utah Pioneers, who re-enacted the Nauvoo, Illinois to Salt Lake Valley trek in the centennial year July 14 to 22, 1947. The names of the one hundred forty eight modern trekkers who re-enacted the original journey are listed on a concrete monument.

## Along The Mormon Battalion Trail

### TRAVEL PLANS MADE FOR SQUAW VALLEY TRIP

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

How are we going to get to the 1974 SUP Encampment at Squaw Valley, Calif.? It is not too soon to begin preparation for the 8, 9, 10th of August and combine it with a vacation and trip to the World Fair at Spokane.

At the suggestion of President John A. Shaw, we asked for bids on transportation and came up with this tentative cost. For five days and three night's lodging, the fee is \$65. each. Air travel is also being looked into.

\*\*\*

The Washington News Bureau reported that on April 5 Senator Frank E. Moss introduced legislation that would make the Mormon Battalion Trail a part of the official U.S. trails system.

The Grant Ursenbach, member of the Sierra Chapter and the National



Col. Smith

Board of directors, was in Salt Lake City recently and reiterated some interesting facts about the convention location. It is located in a valley 6000 feet altitude. This means pleasantly cool temperature even in August. There are many beautiful hiking trails, opportunities or golf or tennis, and exciting tramway or gondola rides up to the mountain peaks.

\*\*\*

*Ego is the only thing in the world that can grow without any nourishment.*

#### BATTALION TRADITION

Charlie Pomeroy pointed out an interesting article in the April 5 Hill Top Times which featured Staff Sgt. Brigham S. Young who is the sixth generation to bear that name. Sgt. Young joined the Utah Air National Guard in 1967 and is a descendant President Brigham Young, the great American colonizer.

The article relates how Pres. Brigham Young assisted Capt. Allen to raise 500 men for the Mormon Battalion. The advance uniform allowance of \$3.50 per month was turned over to Brigham Young to assist the families of the soldiers in reaching their destination in the Rocky Mountains.

The Paymaster noted that every member of the new Battalion could sign his name.

Everywhere You Go, You Hear Sugar House Folks Say . . .

*For My Money It's*

# WALKER BANK

Sugar House Branch

1030 East 21st South

**"Pioneers in helping to build an ever greater Sugar House"**

## PIONEER MEMORIAL MONUMENT SHAPES UP ON SCHEDULE

*By Duane Cardall  
Press Secretary the SUP*

The pioneer memorial monument is rapidly taking shape.

Edward J. Fraughton, whom the National Society of the sons of Utah pioneers commissioned for the project, is in the process of putting the final details on the three figures that comprise the 8-foot statue.

Fraughton said, the refining process is an "Emotional process and that's what makes it difficult."

"I look at it," He said during a recent interview, "and if it doesn't have it, I can tell and I have to change it until I can feel good about it."

The renowned Utah sculptor spent five years in school learning the techniques of sculpture. He studied anatomy, design and how to draw, which he relates to the physical creation of the statue. But he describes the refining process as an effort to develop the statue's spirit. Every line a purpose.

"Every line seems to have a pur-



*Ed Fraughton  
Sculptor at Work*

pose," reflected Fraughton, "Every form and shape seems to relate somehow to the composition, and if it doesn't relate then it's out of place and it doesn't have purpose."

He said the most difficult parts of the statue to complete are the hands

and the faces since that's where the personality and individuality are seen. Fraughton is spending long hours delicately shaping those expressive hands and faces.

Fraughton reports the work is on schedule and he'll be ready to cast the large statue in bronze within a few weeks.

Meantime, the money to pay for the project is still coming in. Dr. Orson Wright, chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Monument committee says about \$20,000 had been collected by the first of April.

Dr. Wright says thanks. We appreciate the response of those chapters who have rallied so much to help us on the project," said Wright. "Now we need the support of the entire organization to help us raise the final \$5,000."

Wright encouraged all chapters to maintain a record of donors so the names can be included in a brochure which will be distributed at the dedication.

He also expressed appreciation for the time and effort put in by the members of the monument committee.

### **Four Western States Will Develop Historic Trail of '76**

State and federal officials from Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico, plan to develop a historic trail through the four states in time for the nation's 200th Anniversary Celebration in 1976, it was reported in an Associated Press dispatch out of Denver recently.

The officials formed a Dominquez-Excalante State-Federal Bi-Centennial Committee to plan clearing and making the trail. Melvin T. Smith, director of the Utah State Historical Society, will head the committee.

The trail is named for two Spanish priests who explored the American Southwest to find routes to the California missions. They trekked through western Colorado, Central Utah, northern Arizona and much of New Mexico, for an estimated distance of 2,000 miles.

### **New Committeeman**

Alvin C. Hull of the Logan Chapter, SUP, has accepted an appointment to the Life Membership Committee to serve in the place of George Everton, who has been called on a mission for the LDS Church. The appointment is effective until the 1974 Encampment election, it was announced by J. Rulon Morgan, chairman.

#### **COSTUMES**

for any occasion

from

"America's Modern Costume House"

RENT or BUY

467-9494

Salt Lake Costume Co.

1701 So. 11th East

### **Enjoyed The Trek**

Our recent Mormon Battalion trek was one of the most enjoyable and enlightening, we old trekkers have ever taken. Where in the world would you find a group of people — younger and older, mostly unacquainted before this outing — brought together in a luxurious conveyance, to roll along comfortably for almost 3,000 miles, to become so congenial and so homegenous? Probably only among the Latter-day Saints, that "peculiar people."

Likewise, where among the "Saints" would one find a band of frontiersmen, loyal and devoted, who would march through wild country and set a world's record for distance, endurance and proper behavior?

Prof. J. Smedley Sanford  
Logan

#### **Holbrook Funeral Chapel**

3251 South 2300 East Dial 484-2045

Dale and Beverly Holbrook,  
Managers and Owners  
(Member S.U.P.)

# The Pioneer

Published Bi-Monthly at  
Salt Lake City, Utah

by

National Society of Sons of  
Utah Pioneers

2998 Connor Street

Phone 466-4033

Subscription Rates \$2.50 Per Year

50 Cents Per Copy

Entered as Second Class Mail

at Salt Lake City, Utah

George C. Lloyd, Manager

Les Goates, Editor

## PRESIDENT

John A. Shaw

## IMMEDIATE

## PAST PRESIDENT

Orson D. Wright, D.D.S.

Salt Lake

## VICE PRESIDENTS

Earl A. Hansen, Logan

Harold B. Felt, Brigham City

Frank D. Maughan, Ogden

Eldredge Grant, Salt Lake

Adolph Johnson, Riverton

Veron P. Curtis, Lehi

Phillip Foremaster, St. George

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Geroge C. Lloyd, Salt Lake

## TREASURER

K. Grant Hale, Salt Lake

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP

## COMMITTEE

J. Rulon Morgan, Provo

Victor J. Bird, Provo

George B. Everton, Logan

James H. Miller, Brigham City

Milton Backman, Salt Lake

## DIRECTORS

Edward B. Perkins, Los Angeles  
Grant Ursenbach, Fair Oaks, Calif.

Horace A. Sorensen, Salt Lake

Eugene P. Watkins, Salt Lake

E. Morton Hill, Salt Lake

Marvin E. Smith, Salt Lake

Lesley Goates, Salt Lake

## CHAPLAIN

Eldred G. Smith, Salt Lake

## JUDGE ADVOCATE

D. Clayton Fairbourne, Sandy

## HISTORIAN

Harold H. Jensen

# Our Readers Write

## Record On Longest Married Couple

## Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson Of Fairview Hold Record at 82 Years

By Judge David J. Wilson  
(United States Customs Court)

In the March-April 1974 issue of The PIONEER there appears an article on page 9 entitled: "Hurricane Couple Set New Record: 73 Years Married."

In the body of the article bearing the headline "HURRICANE, Utah-", it is asserted that, "Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Heaton (Uncle Jode and Aunt Melie), have broken the Utah record for longevity in marriage with 73 years of married life. They were married September 5, 1873 (sic) in the Salt Lake Temple. The previous record was 72 years set by the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson of Fairview."

This is an unfortunate error since Peter Peterson and his wife Celestia Melissa Terry Peterson were married for 82 years, lacking only six weeks. They were married in the St. George Temple Dec. 11, 1878. He died Oct. 27, 1960 and she Nov. 8, 1961.

### Thorough Research

The foregoing information was obtained for me by an accredited researcher of genealogy from the official Temple Records of the L.D.S. Church. I had this done so that there could be no question about the authenticity of the facts above noted.

On a 4-generation sheet filed by the granddaughter of the Petersons the same information is given. There is also on that sheet a notation that "Peter and Celestia Peterson were the oldest living married couple in the USA, celebrating their 81st wedding anniversary

by state and church. Their children were all living at the 67th celebration.

In 1959 Mrs. Wilson and I were living in New York City. At that time, wide publicity was given in the eastern papers and in national magazines including LIFE concerning the 81st Wedding Anniversary of the Petersons. They were heralded as the couple that has been longest married in the United States. I never saw any denial of this fact.

In 1960 Mrs. Wilson and I visited the Petersons in Fairview, Utah. He then lacked about a month of being 100 years old and she about four months of the century mark. With their stake president we talked to them and verified that they were then in their 82nd year of marriage. He died October 27, 1960, about six weeks before the date of the 82nd Wedding Anniversary. She lived until November 1961.

### Well Documented

The record of the marriage longevity of the Petersons is so well documented that there is no dispute about it. The Heaton story was published in the daily press and in The PIONEER.

May I also call attention to the fact that there have been instances in Utah where other couples have commemorated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. That is where they have been married 75 years — two years more than the Heaton. I knew one such couple in Ogden by the name of Mr. and Mrs. John Earl.

## C. Kay Cummings

THE ULTIMATE IN FINE CANDIES

Salt Lake City, Utah 84106

1959 South Eleventh East Street

Clyde Kay Cummings, Owner

Phones Shop 487-1031 Res. 363-0418

S. U. P. Member

Greetings to . . . Sons of Utah Pioneers

## HEBER J. GRANT AND COMPANY

GENERAL AGENTS

20 South Main • Phone 359-3778

## PLANS FOR SUP ENCAMPMENT AT SQUAW VALLEY READIED

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Plans for the 1974 Sons of Utah Pioneers Encampment, August 8-10, in the high Sierras at Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics, are being completed by the Sierra SUP Chapter which



will host the traditional gathering. As set up presently this celebrated conclave will hold forth Thursday, Friday and Saturday with Sunday worship services in the nearby wards at Placerville, Auburn, Incline Village and Reno.

To facilitate planning, registration and participation forms will be included in the next issue of The Pioneer.

The first day will be registration and orientation with a welcoming Bar B-Q in the evening. Golfing will be available all day. Friday will feature special tours to nearby Donner Park and Museum, Emerald Bay, Tram rides at Squaw Valley, as well as fishing, horseback riding and ice-skating on the Olympic rink. Another Bar B-Q and entertainment will close activities Friday.

Saturday will include business and executive meetings in the morning for the men, and a special program for the ladies. Afternoon is free time, with selected trips and chapter orientation available. President's banquet will be held at 8:00 p.m. followed by the traditional ball.

As presently scheduled, the annual meeting of the Mormon Battalion will be held in conjunction with the Squaw Valley encampment. For those interested, side trips to exciting historic sites and points of interest nearby will be available.

This is an advance schedule and may be revised somewhat in the July-August issue of The Pioneer.

— EVAN K. PERKINS, MD.  
Chairman, Publicity Comm.

632 Commons Drive  
Sacramento, California  
95825

## The Secretary Reports

### *Stephen Lambert Shows Way In Monument Drive*

*By George C. Lloyd  
Executive Secretary SUP*

"All Is Not Well ... Yet!"

This is the theme of a brochure now being distributed to individuals who have not yet had opportunity to contribute to the Pioneer Memorial Monument project. The final drive is now in progress. Eighty per cent of the total amount needed has now been donated, but more support is needed during the next 30 days.

The family and friends of our late President Thomas A. Lambert have given wonderful backing to the project. As an example—Tom's young grandson. He emptied his piggy-bank and sent the entire amount, \$3.00, to add to the funds being accumulated.

The committee needs the larger amounts, \$100.00, \$200.00 and more and thanks those who have responded so generously. We compliment Stephen who gave his all so freely.

### WELCOME--LIFE MEMBERS

Since the last issue of The Pioneer three more "Sons" have joined this optimistic group, bringing the total number to 144. They are:

L. DeVon Mecham, a member at large for the past six years. He has been active in all phases of religious work, having specialized in genealogical research and missionary work.

Ralph S. Stevenson, formerly an enthusiastic member of the Salt Lake Chapter. Now living in the southeast area of the city, he has become affiliated with the progressive Holladay group.

Jacob Gardner Cox of Lehi has long been one of the stalwarts of the Lehi Chapter. He has served as chapter president and in other capacities in that group.



24 HOUR  
MORTUARY  
CEMETERY  
SERVICE

**MEMORIAL ESTATES**  
**PHONE 262-4631**

## SUP Award-Winning Pioneer Story

### Compassion: White or Red

— By Hattie B. Maughan

The year was 1886. The place was the Great Salt Lake Desert of Western Utah. The two main characters were my father, 21-year old Edward Bagley (Rene) and his 19-year old brother, Andrew Hansen Bagley (Drow).

The two young men had left their horse and cattle ranch at Willow Springs (Callao) Utah, an oasis in the midst of the desert, to ride horseback to search for stray cattle. A sheepherder had reported seeing some stock with the Bagley brand, near the Deep Creek Mountains.

They had been riding since day-break, their eyes squinted to slits against the glare of the searing sun, reflected from the alkaline flats. Their horses' hoofs stirred up the soft gray dust. It circled them in a film and then settled on mount and rider in a coating of alkali that stung the eyes and prickled the skin. Phantom lakes shimmered invitingly, near and far; who could tell, while mirage mountains hung upside down on the horizon.

"Crazy hot mixed up land, What cow with any sense would leave our green pastures to come out here?" Rene said.

"Cow critter's just ain't got no sense. Probably spooked by a coyote and kept goin', thinkin' that mirage lake was the real thing," Drow replied. Both boys were attending Brigham Young Academy at Provo in the winter, but slipped easily into the venacular of the cow puncher when riding the range.

#### *Not Much Life*

They dismounted by a lone juniper to have their lunch. A large diamond-back rattle-snake had sought the same shade and coiled menacingly to dispute their right to the shelter. They dispatched the snake with a rock but fearing he might have a mate nearby they remounted and ate their biscuits as they plodded on. They saw no other life except a lizard that hot-



Hattie B. Maughan

... author's prize story

footed it across the trail in front of Drow's old roan, its tongue flinking out at imaginary insects. Further into the foothills of the Deep Creek Mountains sage, rabbit brush and creosote would give shelter and sustenance to jack rabbits, coyotes and an occasional antelope. A few pinion pines struggled to supply the Indians craving for pine nuts. Here only the desert -- hot, barren, inhospitable.

That morning Rene had drawn Drow's attention to tracks which had crossed their line of travel, and unmistakable deep scratch marks of the poles of an Indian travois. Unshod hoofprints of the pony pulling the travois and of another horse and rider were also plainly discernable in the dust. Rene dismounted to examine the tracks. He had learned some Indian lore from their neighbors the Goshute Indians at Ibapah.

"Goshutes," he said, remounting, "tracks several days old."

There were no established tracks across the alkali flats. Each traveler steered his individual course according to the weather, the least rutted if it was dry, the least slick if it was wet.

#### *No Cattle to be Found*

"No dang cattle around here, "Drow

said. "That sheepherder didn't see 'em here or those Goshutes saw 'em and took 'em."

Rene said leniently, "Guess we shouldn't begrudge them a little real meat. All those poor Indians get is crickets, ground squirrels and jack rabbits."

They saw it almost simultaneously, a dark object creeping on the blistering plain.

"Looks like a bear, Sure ain't no cow critter."

They kicked their horses into a tired gallop.

"It's a squaw!"

They dropped down beside the blanket-wrapped bundle of bones. Life flashed from the black eyes of the squaw's wrinkled face. Babbling incoherently she reached a skeletal hand towards the canteen which Rene held. He poured some water into her gaping mouth and placed in her hand a biscuit from their lunch. She forced the food between her toothless gums and then, as though she had done an unforgivable thing, she spat it out, moaning the only English word she knew, "No, no!"

"I know her," Rene said. "She is Chief Pete's grandmother, (fictitious name). Got lost from the band when they were pine nut picking, I bet."

"Or rustling our cattle," Drow said. "I hough that Pete was your friend."

#### *Helping Hands*

"He is. We don't know that the Indians got our cattle. They probably got into the mountains and found water and pasture. We'll find them another time. Better get this old woman to help. She wouldn't have happened along."

"We'll never make it to Ibapah tonight. Lucky if we make the ranch."

"We'll make the ranch," Rene said

(see COMPASSION next page)



*NEW OFFICERS EAST MILL CREEK CHAPTER have been elected as shown on the photo, as follows: Front row, left to right—Eugene Duffin, second vice president; John Nielsen, first vice president; Bayard Robison, president; Dale Holbrook, past president. Back row: Woodrow Caldwell, Albert Erickson, Sherman Gowans, Marcus Jensen, directors; Lionel Halverson, secretary-treasurer and George Gygi, historian.*

*Compassion: White or Red (cont. from preceding page)*

as he trussed the old woman to the saddle in front of him.

Remembering the comforts their mother enjoyed in their fine home near Salt Lake City, Rene and Drow nursed life back into the squaw's shrunken old body. Liquids she would swallow but refused every offer of solid food. Soothing mutton tallow was put on the seered and blistered parts of her body. The worn-out mocassins were cut from her swollen feet. A healing brew of steeped sage was prepared to bathe her feet.

When she was strong enough to sit in the saddle, Rene and Drow headed for the Goshute Indian Camp, expecting a royal welcome from Chief Pete.

*A Strange Reception*

When Pete heard the arrival he came out of his tepee. He saw his grandmother, weak but sitting proudly erect in the saddle. The chief's face darkened in anger as he strode threateningly to Rene. Their different customs made an impossible gulf between them.

"You, my friend have betrayed me. She is dead. The council has said she is worthy to go to forefathers.

She want to go. You have stopped her spirit's flight. You shall see her go!"

Unprotestingly, the old squaw allowed them to lift her from the saddle and lay her on a pyre of logs. The children gathered sage and rabbit brush and stacked it all around. All the people in the camp gathered to participate in the ceremony. Drums came out of their hiding places and beat a quiet rhythm for the mocasined feet as they danced around the funeral pyre. A dirge rose and fell as the singers danced and sang. Chief Pete himself applied the torch.

As the flames mounted a keening wail rose from the old woman and she lifted her arm as if to ask for quiet deliverance.

Drow ran to his horse and rode away to escape the awful scene. Rene would have followed but Chief Pete grabbed him and turned him toward the fire.

"You see what you have done?" he said.

Rene dropped on his knees covering his eyes with his hands as he prayed, "Dear God forgive me. How could I know? How could I know?"

## BYU Jaunt Hails Handcart Pioneers

A handcart trek, designed to identify students with their pioneer heritage, was held Apr. 23 at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Steve Shallenberger was project organizer and director.

Upward of 600 BYU students made the jaunt, covering about 12 miles around Goshen, south of Utah Lake. The ensemble was divided into companies, after the manner of the real handcart pioneers, each starting in a markings to their destination.

Scouts marked the trail, giving the trip a pioneer flavor, instead of merely following an existing pathway or road.

Handcarts for the jaunt were made by the participating groups from materials that had been precut, to simplify construction. Most of the carts used bicycle wheels. Some students however, went all the way with the construction project and made their wheels from wood.

The original Mormon pioneers covered the distance from Iowa to Utah on an average of three months. The grand exodus was not without its tragedies. In 1856 some 1,000 handcart pioneers were caught in an early blizzard and about 200 perished.

CREATED FOR AN EXACTING CLIENTELE



679 East Ninth South

Since 1924

The  
Original  
Salt Lake  
City

Phone 328-4858

### TED'S GLASS SERVICE

Glass of all kinds

Mirror Manufacturing and Resilvering

703 South West Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Phone 364-3298

*The glass shop on the corner.*

Ted Popkins, Manager

# Chapter Eternal

## Zenos W. Earl

Zenos Wright Earl, 76, member of the Box Elder Chapter (Brigham City) died Mar. 17 at the home of a son in Ogden.

He had worked in the contracting business and raised sheep on a ranch in Mantua. For the past several years he had been employed by the Pet Milk Co. as field superintendent for Utah, Idaho and Colorado.

Mr. Wright was a member of the Brigham City Rotary Club and past member of the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce and board member of the Brigham City Senior Citizens Committee.

He was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in which he was a high priest in the Brigham City First

Ward. He was chairman of the Old Folks Committee and a home teacher.

He was born Sept. 17, 1897 in Brigham City, a son of Frank W. and Sarah Amanda Olson Earl. He married Vera Carter, Oct. 22, 1919 in the Salt Lake Temple. She died in 1973.

Survivors include one son and one daughter, Dr. Wynn C. Earl, Ogden; Miss Barbra Ear, Brigham City; four grandchildren two brothers and two sisters, Joseph A. Earl and Hyrum A. Earl, both of Salt Lake City; Mrs. M. B. (Edith) Wallace, Provo; Mrs. Jess (Vera) Vance, Margate, Fla.

Funeral services were held March 21 in the Brigham City First Ward Chapel and burial was in the Brigham City Cemetery.

## Ray H. Wilson

Ray H. Wilson, 86, long-time member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Mormon Battalion, a retired employee of the Utah Lumber Co. died in a Salt Lake City hospital April 25 of natural causes.

A member of the first graduating class of Ricks College, Rexburg, Ida. He was a lumber dealer and salesman most of his business life, in both Idaho and Utah. He retired from the Utah company in 1958.

He was born July 13, 1887 in Logan, a son of John M. and Ellen Bullock Wilson.

He married Martha Zollinger on Sept. 22, 1909 in the Logan LDS Temple. She died Aug. 29, 1969 in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Wilson served for several years as a member of the bishopric of the McKay Ward and a long-time member of the choir.

He is survived by four sons and a daughter, Rulon H., Robert Ray, Mrs. Claude (Ruth) Bennion, all of Salt Lake City; Lowell Z., Overland Park, Kan.; Lynn A., Albuquerque, N.M.; 10 grandchildren, and a brother, Vernon Wilson, Bakersfield, Calif.

## Dr. W. H. Sprunt

Dr. William Handy Sprunt, 78 of Salt Lake City, member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers since 1961, died March 11 of natural causes in a rest home. He was a dentist and practiced in Salt Lake City from 1922 to 1973.

Dr. Sprunt graduated from Oneida Academy, Preston, Idaho and from the Northwestern University School of Dentistry. He served in the U.S. Army WWI.

In social activities Dr. Sprunt was a member of the Bonneville Knife & Fork Club and president of the Civitan Club.

He was born July 21, 1895 in Ogden, Utah, to George Wilson and Elsie Catherine Handy Sprunt. He married Clarissa Olive Schofield July 27 at Blackfoot, Idaho which marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. She died Dec. 28, 1958.

Survivors: son, daughters, William John, Mrs. James S. (Wilma) Hooper, both Salt Lake City; Mrs. Gerald S. (Jane) Melling, Painted Post, N.Y.; Jean, San Diego, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; brothers, sisters, Thomas P., Wheatley B., Mrs. Reuben (Jessie) Sharp, all Salt Lake City; Mrs. Ray (Jane) Coburn, Preston, Idaho.

Funeral services were held Mar. 13 in the Federal Heights Ward Chapel and burial was in the Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.

## George Henry Durham

George Henry Durham, 90, noted Utah composer, teacher and choral conductor, and member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers from 1960 to 1968, died in a Salt Lake City nursing home on Feb. 12, 1974.

Prof. Durham had his musical training in the Utah public schools and after he moved to Salt Lake City studied with John J. McClellan, Hugh W. Dougall and Tracy Y. Cannon. He attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston where he studied from 1913 to 1918.

Upon his return to Utah he became supervisor of music in the Beaver County schools and from 1922 to 1930 taught in the old L.D.S. High School. When that school was discontinued he taught in the Salt Lake City schools. He also taught in Millard Academy and was music supervisor for the Iron County schools.

Widely acclaimed as a composer, he was the author of several LDS hymns but his most important creation was "A New England Pastorale Sketch," which has been performed by the Utah Symphony. He served on the Deseret Sunday School Union Board as head of its music department and was founder of the LDS Male Choir.

Mr. Durham served in the Utah House of Representatives and was active in numerous other civic and church organizations.

He was born Sept. 12, 1883 in Parowan, Iron County, Utah, a son of Thomas and Carolyn Mortenson Durham. He married Nellie Marsden, June 10, 1909 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. Durham is survived by his wife, Salt Lake City; four sons and a daughter, G. Homer, Lowell M., Wilby M., Wayne C., Mrs. Boyd D. (Joyce) Larsen, all of Salt Lake City; 23 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14 in the 31st Ward in Salt Lake City and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

## Lucille F. Miller Dies

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah — Mrs. Lucille Tams Miller, 66, wife of SUP National Board member James H. Miller, author and historian, died recently in St. Benedict's Hospital of Ogden, of cancer. The Millers resided in Pleasant View and Brigham City.

Funeral services were held in the Ben Lomond West LDS Stake Center and burial was in the North Ogden Cemetery.

### NO S.U.P. TREK IS COMPLETE WITHOUT LEWIS BROS. STAGES

Garage now at 549 West 5th South  
The Right Equipment for Your Trip  
Anywhere. We appreciate being  
transportation choice on every S.U.P. Trek  
We Are Happy to Serve You  
FOR INFORMATION — CALL 359-8677

Your One-stop Center for  
All Electrical Supplies

**Felt** ELECTRIC CO.  
Dial 363-5811  
28 EAST 1ST SOUTH  
C. Lamont & Vera Felt, Mgrs.

## BOOK



## Ernest Young Diary

"*THE DIARY OF W. ERNEST YOUNG*", by himself, a most complete story of a historian, colonizer, missionary and author, 721 pages, illustrated, published by himself, 1036 East 820 North, Provo; \$8.00.

"The Diary of W. Ernest Young," twice president of the Argentine Mission, Mormon bishop, Mexican colonizer and for 22 years assistant historian in the Church Historian's Office, a fat volume just published, is a monument to his amazing life and historical handiwork.

Historian Young's work stands out for meticulous detail, long since needed, particularly dates. The volume actually is a veritable history of the Mormon colonization in Mexico (1896) and tells all about his home, school, married life, the 1913 Revolution in Mexico City, Villa's attacks and Dublan's deliverance in 1916.

Providing further variety to his life story, is Mr. Young's reports on school teaching in Mexico in those times, missionary work in Argentine for three years, and his return to Juarez in 1949 and family his call to serve as a translator of Spanish for the Church Historians Office.

The work merits a review of each chapter, but of course this is not practical here. However, a section of poetry which is smooth and charming, and his clever "Springtime In The Pampas", are especially delightful reading.

— Harold H. Jenson

## Counterpoint

*COUNTERPOINT*, a book of poems by Clinton F. Larson, professor of English at Brigham Young University, 111 pages, Library of Congress Catalog No. 73-15889, 67 poems, Brigham Young University Press, \$6.95.

Whether it be a song of praise to the sea, notes on an orchard in autumn, or a plea against social injustice, poetry speaks from the mind and the heart of the reader.

The power of the poetry rests in the intimately personal feelings linking the two. *Counterpoint* speaks of ideas sung to the music of a world filled with love, hate, death, life, injustice — and the promise of peace and divine glory. Strikingly forceful, yet deeply sensitive, the poetry of Clinton F. Larson, enhances the reader's awareness of earth's infinite variety and the music of the creation. —(From the flyleaf of *Counterpoint*.)

Prof. Larson, a native of American Fork but reared mostly in Salt Lake City, is essentially a western writer. His verses are skillfully varied in form and expansive in content. At a time when appreciation for purely artistic literature has been honed so fine that

satisfaction is seemingly limited to Shakespeare, Milton, Carlyle and other masters, it is most pleasing to come across a volume of such literary and poetic charm as this work by a gifted Utahn. A well-known playwright as well as a poet and teacher, Prof. Larson, deeply appreciates and never ceases to praise the truths and beauties of the Creator.

Typical of the 67 poems in this attractive little book are these lines from "Kitten Among The Leaves", which display an abiding love for poetry and what the author considers its personal and eternal value:

...the tough  
theories of life do not apply to spectral  
parks  
where such as these survive — the  
radiant leaves,  
genetically for fun and full remembering  
before the etched dark arms of winter  
and all our candor dismembering  
what is or ought to be!

## MATTER OF TIMING

Of course I know  
What's movie art;  
It's to take your seat  
As the feature starts!



## PATHWAYS TO PERFECTION

By Elder Thomas S. Monson  
\$4.95

Pathways To Perfection presents four paths necessary in gaining eternal life and greater knowledge of the saving principles: the "Pathway of Faith," the "Pathway of Prayer," the "Pathway of Service," and the "Pathway of Love." Each gospel principle is told with examples taken from real life, from the teachings of the scriptures, and from personal observation.

Deseret  
Book

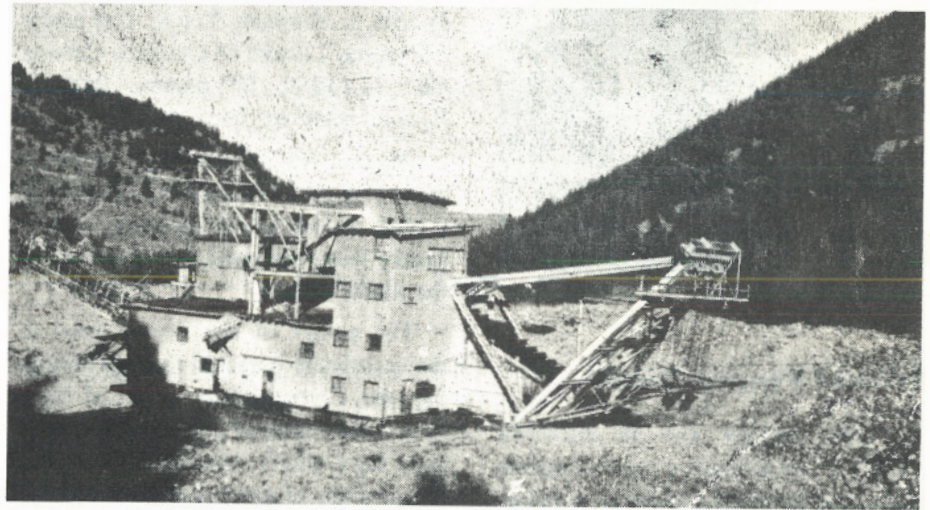
DOWNTOWN SALT LAKE

Idaho's Last Frontier**Overnight Millionaires And Ghost Towns Of The 1890's***By Nolan Preston**(Courtesy "Great West Magazine")*

In the year 1890 the United States officially proclaimed that the western frontier was closed. The railroad stretched from coast to coast, telegraph poles ran across endless miles of prairies, deserts, and mountains, and iron plows bit into soil that a few years earlier had known only the Indian's foot. The raw west was gone and a new area was blooming across the nation. The buffalo hunter had hung up his rifle, the Indian fighting Army had returned to civilization, and the country had settled to farming, ranching, and the building of great cities.

But not the territory of Idaho. First discovered in 1805 by Lewis and Clark, they told of a land almost too wild and primitive to penetrate. Rugged and impassable, the famous Sawtooth Range towered to 10,000 feet, where perpetual snow fields and untold alpine lakes were seen only by the Indians who called this country the "Land of Deep Snows." So impressed by the deep gorges and seemingly unscalable mountains was the small Lewis and Clark expedition that it turned west without making an effort to penetrate northern Idaho.

During the 1850's a few more hardy settlers drifted into the southern parts of this wild country. They came in small numbers seeking new land, freedom, or just an urge to live where one had "elbow room." They found, however, that they were in a land where supplies were almost impossible to get and winter snow sometimes lasted six months. Civilization spread slowly. The Nez Perce and Shoshone Indians gave little trouble to these people and an



*A gold dredge on the road to the ghost town of Custer, Idaho... note the landlock condition behind the old machine.*

— Art from "The Great West"

occasional trapmen did not realize what one of them had stumbled upon until the assayer announced it as high grade gold. The men immediately sold their claim for a paltry \$15,000, not knowing that \$12 million worth of gold lay in a slab behind the shelter, obtainable without even digging into the mountain.

The mine was named the General Custer and almost overnight the town of Custer was born. Tons and tons of supplies were needed immediately. Everything had to be packed in by mule or burro. Thirty five miles east, in a valley by the Salmon, a trade and supply station was established. Known only as "supply station," the supplies were gathered here for the miners. Shafts were dug into the mountains and other mines were started. The Lucky Boy, McFadden, Sunbeam, Fourth of July, and the Montana all became producers of fabulous wealth.

Bonanza City

Shortly after Custer City was established, the town of Bonanza City was started on the Yankee Fork south of Custer. Without being rivals, both towns flourished as money and miners converged into the area. An old 1878 description of Custer listed 5 saloons and dance halls, a hotel, 3 rooming

houses, a Wells Fargo office, 2 eateries 2 bakery shops, 3 general stores, a butcher shop, livery stable, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, furniture store, 2 Chinese laundries, a newspaper, school, and an all-denominational church.

The tremendous amount of supplies needed and the hardships created in packing them in was felt both by the miners and the packers. The cost of packing was 20c a pound with no guaranteed delivery date. The packers were the saviors of the miners and a deep kinship was felt between the two. As with the mule skimmers, bullwhackers, and stagedrivers of the west, they were often faced with arguments over their prices but they seldom were mistreated.

A man by the name of Alex Topence hired an engineer, H. F. Terry, to build a private road from Challis to Custer, a distance of 35 miles. With a crew start-

(see IDAHO'S GOLD, next page)

**UTAH PRINTING CO.**

17 West South Temple  
364-1849

LaMar Sainsbury, Charles Christensen,  
Richard Blackburn

Printers of Genealogy and Family  
History Books

**Wasatch Lawn  
Memorial Park**

Ph. 466-8687  
3401 Highland Drive

## Idaho's Big Gold Rush in 1880's

(continued from preceding page)

ing at both ends, the men hacked their way through the mountains and forests until the job was completed. In mid-winter of 1880, the first load of passengers arrived in Custer aboard a sled.

Although the toll road was a welcome short-cut to needed supplies, the fee could be both high or reasonable depending upon a man's ability to pay. A wagon and span of animals was charged \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional span. A man on horseback was 50c and all loose animals except sheep and hogs were 25c. Hogs brought 15c but sheep were only 10c. The first stagecoach to operate over the road was established by Topence and Myers. The route ran from Challis to Custer, and on to Bonanza City. The fee was \$5.00 a head and ran every day in the summer except on Sunday. During the winter it operated on any day it could. The first change was made at Eleven Mine Barn, the next at Toll Gate, and the last at Slab Barn. Drinks were sold at all three, but the most popular stop was named Fannie's Hole.

### *Fannie And Her Girls*

This oddly named early day motel was the result of an enterprising woman by the name of Fannie Clark. She built a livery stable and corral along the toll road and also added a sporting house for the not so weary traveler. While Fannie made a fortune with her girls and became famous, there were several others who, however infamous, wrote their name in the history of this country.

### *Trappers Bring News*

It was the trappers who brought the news of gold in the mountains to a world that had almost forgotten the California rush of 1849. A few old prospectors drifted into the Boise Basin country in 1860. They worked the streams for placers and panned enough to draw the attention of the hard rock miners. These men were as rugged as the '49'ers. They carried timber pouches for making fires as matches were hard

to come by. They practiced the Indian's use of herbs for medicine and cherished whiskey and tobacco. Their lives were filled with hardships and loneliness, especially during the long winter months. They worked hard and played hard. Many an old prospector drifted into the mountains never to be heard of again.

Gold! The magic word that turns men into animals and builds wild, roaring hell-holes overnight. The news went out and a new gold rush was on. Thousands of gold hunters expecting to get rich joined the miners, hunters, and businessmen that flooded the country. During the late 1860's and early 1870's enough gold trickled from the new State of Idaho to keep a steady stream of people flooding in as the larger amount of disappointed ones refused to freeze and search any longer and made their way south to warmer parts.

As the 20th Century approached, the old west disappeared, with only memories lingering. Not so, however, in Idaho. There were yet two more big splashes to be heard from that part of the country. In 1902 Thunder Mountain created a lot of excitement with the Lost Placer Mine; the same happened with the Sunbeam in 1909. Clarence Eddy discovered the Lost Placer and became rich overnight. It enabled him to realize one of his life-long dreams. He bought a newspaper at Thunder Mountain and published a book of his poems.

### *The Gold Runs Out*

Like all rich mining towns, the gold played out. In 1910 the town of Custer died. Weather and time took a heavy toll on the abandoned town and it quickly decayed into a memory. Today only the school and jail stands. The school has been converted into a museum for the ghost town.

Following in the wake of Custer, the towns of Bonanza City, Bayhorse, and Sunbeam slipped into oblivion and became ghost towns. Nature reclaimed her land but man left deep scars that can be seen today. One can see the



*Female company became available to the lonely miners when Fannie Clark opened a hotel and sporting house.*

— Art from "The Great West"

white-tailed trail of tailings that mark the abandoned mines high on the mountain sides. Old rotted log cabins sag haphazardly yet filled with home made furniture, and old roads that wind into the mountains and come to a dead end.

Even though Idaho outlived the rugged days of the old west, the great story of her past cannot be completed without mentioning her famous dredge. It seems that between Custer and Bonanza City a dredging company figured the Yankee Fork contained around \$11 million in gold. They built a special dredge at a cost of \$150,000. The parts were trucked in and assembled on the river. It was a gigantic monster with a bucket line of 72 buckets, each having a capacity of 8 cubic feet. It was made to chew its way along the channel of the river, dumping its own waste behind it, making it completely landlocked. In 1952 it was shut down after recovering only 35 per cent of the estimated \$11 million in gold. Today, the dredge can be seen as one drives from Sunbeam to Custer. Rusty and sagging from neglect, glassless windows staring emptily into space, there comes word of some hope for it. There is talk of restoration as a museum by the U. S. Forest Service.



## *SUP* PROFILES



### Leonidas DeVon Mecham

By Leonidas DeVon Mecham  
Member-at-large Sons of Utah Pioneers

Let me begin this sketch, which was requested by *THE PIONEER*, with this introduction of myself:

Born 20 July 1903

Chesterfield, Idaho

Missionary - District President

Australian Mission President

Bishop and Counselor - 13 years

16th Ward - Riverside Stake

Granite Stake High councilman

1950-1960 - 10 years

Granite Stake Presidency

Second Counselor 1960-1962

First Counselor 1962-1972

6th Generation in the Church

10th Generation in America

Vocation - Representative

Met. Life Ins. Co. 1972-incumbent

\*Vice-Chr. Murray-Granger Area Deseret Industries.

I was called, July 20, 1969 to work on President Harold B. Lee's private records, a work still in process since his death.

Currently I am working on a publication of the Australian Mission History from the beginning down and including the first major division of that mission in July, 1955.

At the time of my father's death 24th of May 1923, my great uncle, William H. Smart took me under his



*Leonidas DeVon Mecham*  
...historian and missionary

wing. He presented me with a complete temple outfit and started me going to the temple.

My testimony is that all the Holy Scriptures (the standard Church Works), form a pattern of a "Book of Remembrance" for therein, *LINEAGE* of the *PRIESTHOOD*, along with the *ANCESTRAL* lines are meticulously recorded, together with the Lord's dealings with His *CHOSEN* people. This is exactly what our *PERSONAL* "Book of Remembrance" should be and do. Making sure the blessings of the priesthood - Endowments - Sealings are all properly taken care of.

By request my grandfather made several copies of his experience with Martin Harris, Sr. which he signed and gave away under the date of March 14, 1934. On the 7th of August 1935 my wife, Janet Frame Mecham and son Leonidas Ralph Mecham and I made a special trip to Preston, Idaho with two definite things in mind to ask of my grandfather, The first to give Ralph a patriarchal blessing and second to obtain greater detail of this experience. Thus with the original statement before us grandfather dictated this letter which he signed and we reproduce here. Hundreds of relatives and friends are still alive (1964) who have been thrilled and stirred by the inspiration gained personally in hearing him relate the story presented on this page entitled "A Testimony."

### A TESTIMONY

The following is one of the outstanding incidents of my life's experiences, which happened in the winter of 1870-71 in the home of a son of Martin Harris in the town of Smithfield, Utah.

The son, Martin Harris Jr., was a personal friend of William Woodward and James Packer who with myself spent the night in his home. After serving us a hearty supper, Martin Jr. asked if we would like to go in and see his father.

I was astonished, overjoyed, thrilled to think that I might have the privilege of seeing one of the Three Witnesses to the Book of Mormon. As we entered the room, Martin Harris Sr., was sitting slumped down in a rocking chair by the side of a table on which rested the Holy Bible and the Book of Mormon along with a coal oil lamp. He greeted us graciously, but was very weak, speaking barely loud enough to be heard, but when asked about his testimony to the Book of Mormon, he straightened up and in a firm, steady, peircing voice proclaimed; taking the Book of Mormon in his hands, "I did see the angel, I did see the plates, I did see the engravings there on, I do know that they were translated by the gift and power of God."

It has been my privilege a few times to attend special services held at the graveside of Martin Harris Sr. On one occasion I was invited to bear my testimony just as I have recorded it here. At the time when the monument was dedicated to his memory I was requested to sit in the seats reserved for those who had seen and heard Martin give his testimony.

During the evening that we stayed in the home of Martin Harris Jr. much was said at the time about experiences with the Prophet Joseph Smith by Martin Sr. that have almost faded from my memory, but that which I have written above, I think will remain fresh in my mind while life shall last, so strong was the statements riveted upon my mind.

Leonidas Americus Mecham

## Brigham's Farm House To Be Moved

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints would receive the Brigham Young Home in St. George, Utah and the Jacob Hamblin Home in nearby Santa Clara, in exchange for the Brigham Young Forest Dale Home at 732 Ashton Ave. pursuant to an exchange of these properties, it has been announced by the First Presidency.

The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation presently operates the two homes in southern Utah as historical sites in the state parks system. The Church would maintain the two homes as visitor and information centers. The state will move Forest Farm residence to the new Pioneer Trail State Park at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. The state will pay for the moving.

In the new Emigration Canyon Park, the Brigham Young Farm Home, most likely will be the first and largest structure to be located on the site. The state has laid out an elaborate and impressive pioneer village for which as many authentic pioneer structures (prior to 1869) artifacts, relics and curios will be added as these items can be acquired.

### *The Dixie Properties*

The state acquired the Brigham Young Home in 1959 and completed restoration in 1962, said Harold J. Tippetts, parks director. In 1971 the carriage house and rest room additions were completed. The Jacob Hamlin Home was acquired in 1960 and restored in 1963. Rest rooms were added in 1971.

The Forest Farm Home is a two-story adobe, stucco and frame building that has been completely restored in-



*The historic Brigham Young Forest Farm Home, 732 Ashton Ave., in Sugar House, most likely will be the first large edifice to be located in the new Pioneer Trail State Park. It has been acquired by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in a deal involving the Brigham Young home in St. George and the Jacob Hamblin Home in Santa Clara, both in Washington County.*

side. The height of the structure presents problems in moving it, said Mr. Tippetts.

### *An Experimental Station*

In the 1860's Brigham Young became involved in agricultural experiments, on the land assigned by himself to himself in the Forest Dale area. The Church leader imported vegetables, fruit trees, various grains and grapes to ascertain what would grow best in this area.

He also brought in livestock from several parts of the world to determine the types of animals that were best suited for the high Rocky Mountain valleys. He started a cocoonery with

the idea of producing silk and planted hundreds of mulberry trees for the silkworms to eat. Many ash trees were planted to produce high-quality wood.

Brigham's experimental station attracted horticulturalists from several parts of the country, according to pioneer historians.

The parks director indicated the Forest Home would be a welcome and attractive addition to the proposed new Pioneer Village on the Emigration Canyon Road location.

### LONG, HARD WINTER

I think that I shall never see  
A snowflake that looks good to me!

### OWEN BUNKER & MOSS INC.

341 EAST 21ST SOUTH  
ALL FORMS OF INSURANCE  
SALT LAKE CITY TEL. 444-8748  
TWX SU-82

Compliments of

### FOOTHILL VILLAGE

13th South and Foothill Boulevard  
"Your Neighborhood Shopping Center"  
Graham W. Doxey  
H. J. Layton, Members S.U.P.

### LARKIN MORTUARY

260 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE  
PHONE 363-4417

## Fraughton, Heath Speakers at Pioneer Chapter

Two of the most important subjects before Sons of Utah Chapters at this time — the construction and dedication of the Brigham Young Memorial Monument and the proposed new walking tour of Church historical sites, were discussed at the March 13 luncheon-meeting of the Salt Lake Pioneer Chapter.

Edward Fraughton, sculptor for the monument, who created the Mormon Battalion Monument in San Diego, and who is doing the Brigham Young graveside structure, reported on the progress thus far and what remains to be done before the dedication on June 1. The impression the noted sculptor left with his listeners was that this is to be a most magnificent monument and an elaborate and yet sincere tribute to the Mormon Pioneers.

The chapter is committed to raise \$50 each as its quota to fund the monument.

Mr. Heath, director of administrative services of the Public Communications Services for the Church, explained the expanded walking tour of historic and memorable places uptown for the benefit of tourists this summer. This tour encompasses the graveside area on First Avenue, the first time this historical spot has received much attention of Salt Lake visitors.

At the meeting Kenneth Smith gave a brief history of his pioneer ancestors. Members were reminded of the grand opening of Pioneer Village at 2998 Connor Street. SUP membership cards are good for admission to all exhibits at the village, it was announced, and members were urged to take their children on this tour.

Glasses, Contact Lenses, Hearing Aids  
**GARDNER'S OPTICAL**

FOUR LOCATIONS in SALT LAKE  
341 South Main — 355-8861  
34 South 5th East — 355-8340  
3920 South 1100 East — 262-0361  
4723 South 2225 East — 278-4665

LaMar Gardner, Member East Mill Creek SUP

## Six More Historical Sites Added To Utah State Register

Five Salt Lake City sites and one in Cache County have been added to the State Register of Historic Sites, it has been announced by Dr. Milton C. Abrams, chairman of the Governor's Historic and Cultural Sites Review Committee. Selections were made at the regular March meeting.

Buildings selected for the register include: the Salt Lake City Union Pacific Railroad Depot, 409 West South Temple, Salt Lake City (1909); the Henry J. Wheeler Farm, 6300 Ninth East; the Henry Arnold Home, 630 Wall St. (50 East); the Miller-Geoghegan Home, 204 North State St.; the William Francis Armstrong Home, 140 B Street; and the Cache Junction Depot and Restaurant, Cache Junction, Cache County.

## Vera Nelson at 100, Native of Sweden, 'Humble Centenarian'

Mrs. Vera Nelson, 1917 South 11th East, Salt Lake City, reached her 100th birthday Jan. 18, 1974. Her family gave her a gala "Centennial Celebration", under the sponsorship of her daughter, Mrs. K. E. Good, who takes care of the venerable lady at her home.

"There is no reason for so many folks making such a fuss over me," Mrs. Nelson told her visitors.

"I have done nothing noteworthy, as far as social prominence goes," Mrs. Nelson continued, "only tried to live one day at a time and live it the best I knew how." She is quite surprised herself that she has lived to be 100 years old.

She spends her days reading, watching television and occasionally going for a ride around the valley. Until two years ago she spent most of her time doing fancy embroidery work.

Vera Nelson was born in Sweden in 1874. She married Andrew Nelson in 1898 in Minnesota where she had lived since coming to America at the age of ten. She is the mother of four, two still living. Eight of her descendants attended her birthday party. Mr. Nelson died in 1914.

## Preservation Of Past Urged By Archaeologist

Approximately 2,000 governmentally-owned properties should go on the National Register Of Historic Sites and there are at least 9,000 other properties that represent a planning tool for a better society, Dr. A. Russell Mortensen, director of the NPA Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, told delegates at a conference of the society at the Utah State Capitol on March 18.

"Historical preservation has become cultural conservation," said Dr. Mortensen, and thus "recycling now includes buildings as well as aluminum and paper. Cultural conservation can be defined as the preservation of man's man-made environment."

The speaker expressed the opinion that in Willard, Box Elder County; the avenues area of Salt Lake City; the small rural communities now by-passed by freeways, represent community life as it was in the 19th Century and are all important to historic preservation.

"I am no architect but have observed buildings in many parts of the world," said the former professor of history at the University of Utah, "and I would say, for example, that the St. George Tabernacle is one of the most beautiful structures in the world. I would urge strongly that U.S. citizens do all they can to support historic preservation."

Dr. Mortensen also discussed federal efforts, and declared the most important measure to date is the National Historical Preservation Act, a 1966 executive order, which, among its other provisions, established the National Register of Historic Sites.

We're Proud To Be The Printers of  
**THE PIONEER**



**PRINTERS Inc.**

2185 South 9th East  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Phone 487-1779

OFFSET • LETTER PRESS

## History Department of Church Effects Administrative Changes

Elder Joseph Anderson, assistant to the Council of the Twelve has been named associate managing editor of the historical department, a new position, it has been announced by the First Presidency. He has been serving as assistant managing director.

At the same time Earl E. Olson, church archivist since January, 1972, was appointed assistant managing director. Elder Alvin R. Dyer, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, continues as managing director of the department.

In addition to these assignments, the former library and archives divisions have been consolidated. Donald T. Schmidt, church librarian since 1972 will direct the library-archivist services. The history division, headed by Dr. Leonard J. Arrington, was not affected by these changes.

### *Supervisors Named*

Supervisors for three major sections of the consolidation of the library-archives division also were appointed.

Robert D. Bingham will be supervisor of acquisitions. He formerly was supervisor of technical services. Max J. Evans will be the new supervisor of technical services. He was formerly supervisor of the processing division. David M. Mayfield, formerly of the church library, will be supervisor of public services which includes operation

of the library on the main floor and the Archives Search Room on the second floor of the Church Office Building.

Elder Anderson served 47 years as secretary to the First Presidency before being made an assistant to the Council of the Twelve on April 6, 1970. He was named assistant managing director of the historical department on Dec. 14, 1972. His new book "Prophets I Have Known," was published in 1973.

### *Varied Service*

Mr. Olson joined the historians of office staff in 1934 and has served as assistant librarian, librarian, church archivist and chairman of the church library coordinating committee.

Mr. Schmidt, the new archivist, was appointed librarian Mar. 10, 1972. He came into this position after 14 years as assistant librarian at Brigham Young University.

Personnel of the historical department compile, write and publish the history of the Church, encourage research among church members, acquire and preserve records and publish works relating to the Church from Mormon and non-Mormon sources.

The Church Library on the main floor and the Archives Search Room on the second floor of the east wing of the Office Building are open to the public weekdays from 7:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Albert Schoenfeld, Utah's Oldest Man Dies at 104

Albert Schoenfeld, 104, of Salt Lake City, Utah's oldest man, died Feb. 7 at his home of natural causes. A lifetime resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, he was active attending to his household chores and garden, until he reached the ages of 103, when he had to give up working, after suffering an injury.

For 30 years preceeding that time he had served as secretary of the High Priests Quorum of the Park Stake 1st Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mr. Schoenfeld was a retired employe of the Salt Lake City Corporation and filled a LDS mission to Germany from 1892 to 1894.

He was born Dec. 8, 1869, in Salt Lake City, a son of Edward and Mary Alice Springall Schoenfeld. He married Florence E. Pardoeon, Dec. 18, 1895, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died Sept. 12, 1947.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter, James T. Schoenfeld, Victor P. Schoenfeld, Mrs. LaDene Gould, all Salt Lake City, 15 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and a brother, Theodore Schoenfeld, Salt Lake City.

The funeral was held in the Park Stake First Ward and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

**PATRONIZE  
OUR  
ADVERTISERS**

SUP Presidents' Plaque Made By

**SALT LAKE  
STAMP COMPANY**

360 West 2nd South - Phone 328-3281

SAM WELLER'S

**ZION  
BOOK STORE**

254 South Main Street  
Highest Prices Paid for  
Old Historic and "Mormon" Books

DIAL 467-8893

Are Proud To Serve the SUP  
Home Style Cooking

**Distinctive Catering Co.**

For Weddings, Parties, Box Lunches  
2915 Kenwood Street

Flowers For All Occasions

**The Rose Shop Inc.**

PHONE 355-7265 • 359-6112

CLELA and NORM JORGENSEN  
JACK MURAMOTO & MELVIN WILKEY

Florists and Decorators

WE TELEGRAPH FLOWERS Anywhere

Member Florists Telegraph Delivery  
Assn.

29 WEST 1ST SOUTH

Member of S.U.P.

**MOUNTAIN WEST'S  
LARGEST**

**ZENITH**

**DEALER**



**"Gang Way" for  
Spectacular  
Values during our**

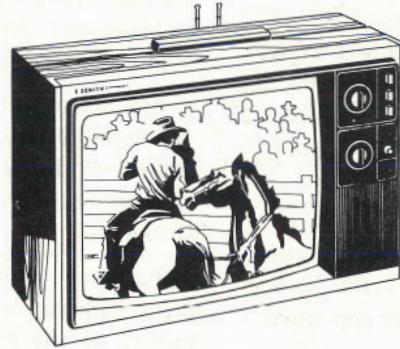
**Sensational values in  
CHROMACOLOR**



**16" DIAGONAL**  
**The ACAPULCO**  
**E3721L**

Cabinet in Beige with Dark Brown front, Gold color metallic trim. Advanced Chromacolor Picture Tube. 3 1/2" Round Speaker. Rotary Controls for Color Level, Tint and Volume. VHF and UHF Antennas.

*only* **\$298**



**17" DIAGONAL**  
**The MATADOR**  
**E3855W**

Grained American Walnut color cabinet accented with White trim on top. Accents of Chrome, Charcoal Black and Ivory color on front. Solid-State Titan 275V Chassis with Zenith's unique Power Sentry System. Synchronomatic 70-Position UHF Channel Selector. 4" Round Speaker. VHF/UHF Spotlite Dials. VHF and UHF Antennas.

*only* **\$378**



**25" DIAGONAL**  
**The SANTIAGO**  
**E4713W**

Lowboy console with genuine oil finished Walnut veneers, top and ends. Front and legs of simulated wood material. Control panel and grille area are in matching Walnut color. Advanced Chromacolor Picture Tube. Chromatic One-button Tuning plus Zenith patented AFC.

*only* **\$548**

**Spring  
Special  
Value  
day**

SHOP MON. & FRI. 'til 9 p.m.  
TUES. WED. THURS. & SAT.  
'til 6 p.m.



**SOUTH EAST  
FURNITURE**

2144 HIGHLAND DRIVE · SUGAR HOUSE · 484-8686

**SINCE  
1926**

